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GEORGE C. CALL was born in Kossuth County, Iowa, September 24, 1860, and died in Sioux City December 18, 1934. His parents were Asa C. and Sarah (Heckart) Call, noted Kossuth County pioneers. He obtained his education at Algona and early turned his attention to real estate business and became a large land owner. He was active in civic affairs and was for a time mayor of Algona. In 1902 he removed to Sioux City, disposed of his properties in and around Algona, and soon became an extensive real estate owner in Sioux City and devoted much time and energy to forwarding that city's business interests. In 1916 he helped organize the Call Bond and Mortgage Company and at his death was its president. He early became an active advocate of the improvement of the Missouri River for navigation and worked incessantly for it. He labored for more equitable freight rates for his city, and for the improvement of the highways leading to Sioux City. He served as president of the Sioux City Real Estate Board, and was president of the Greater Sioux City Committee. For twenty years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Morningside College.

FERGUS L. ANDERSON was born near Ohio, Illinois, March 16, 1865, and died in Marion, Iowa, December 25, 1934. Burial was in Oak Shade Cemetery, Marion. His parents were Fenwick and Jeanette Peck Anderson. He acquired his education in rural public school. When seventeen years old he began to learn telegraphy and afterward was stationed as an operator at several points on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, going to Marion in 1890 as a night operator. During leisure hours he took up the study of law and was graduated from the Ann Arbor Law School in 1894 and began practice in Marion. He served as city attorney of Marion for six years, and was mayor of the city. On September 1, 1921, Governor Kendall appointed him as one of the judges of the Eighteenth Judicial District in place of Milo P. Smith, resigned. By reason of elections he served for eight years, or until in 1929 when he resigned and returned to the practice of his profession.

GEORGE W. SPEER was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1855, and died in Indianola, Iowa, February 4, 1935. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. In 1887 he removed to Indianola and engaged in abstract, real estate, loan and insurance business in which he continued until shortly before his death. He was a member of the Indianola City Council, was elected representative in 1910 and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, was active in civic affairs of Indianola, was mayor of the city, and for several years was justice of the peace.

WILLIAM BIERKAMP was born in Hanover, Germany, September 18, 1849, and died in Durant, Cedar County, Iowa, December 13, 1934. Burial was in Durant Cemetery. He spent his boyhood in his native country, and migrated to the United States in 1868, settling at Davenport. There he attended a private school for a time and later entered

the implement business, removing to Durant in 1874. He also engaged in real estate business and was financially interested in and a director of several banks. He served as school director, councilman, mayor, and representative, being elected to the latter position in 1924, and serving in the Forty-first General Assembly. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and in politics was a Republican. September 2, 1934, he and his wife, who was Miss Minnie Feldhahn of Durant, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

FRANCIS MARION LAIRD was born on a farm five miles south of Tabor, Iowa, in 1855, and died in Tabor December 3, 1934. His parents were Johnston and Mary Laird, pioneer settlers of Fremont County. He followed farming in his early life, and although retired and living in Tabor, he continued until his death to own the farm on which he was born. He was secretary of the local school board, was a trustee of Tabor College, a member of the town council, and was elected representative from Fremont County in 1903, serving in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics, and an active member of the Congregational church.

MILTON REMLEY was born in Lewisburg, Virginia (now West Virginia), October 12, 1844, and died in Iowa City, Iowa, March 17, 1930. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Iowa City. He came with his parents to a farm in Johnson County, Iowa, in 1855. He was graduated with the degree of A. B. from the State University of Iowa in 1867, and the degree of A. M. in 1872. He began the practice of law at Anamosa in 1868, and in 1872 his brother, Howard Marshall Remley, joined with him as a partner, but in 1874 he removed to Iowa City where he continued in practice until a few years before his death. In 1894 he was elected attorney general and was twice re-elected, serving six years, 1895-1901. He ranked among the abler men who in the history of the state, occupied that important position.

OTTO STARZINGER was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1882, and died in the same city March 12, 1935. Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Des Moines. He was graduated from East Des Moines High School in 1899 and from Iowa State College, Ames, in 1903. For a few years he was employed by the General Electric Company, and the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Electric Company, but in 1908 returned to Des Moines and assumed the management of the Northwestern Hotel in East Des Moines which he continued to do until his death. For years he was interested in raising prize stock. In 1916 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.

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